

**CITY OF WICHITA
TENTATIVE WORKSHOP AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

**City Council Board Room – First Floor
9:30 a.m.**

- 1.) City Council Agenda -** **Estimated time 10 minutes**
The City Council approved changing the order of its agenda at its August 17, 2004 meeting for a one-month trial period. The order was changed to place Consent items first followed by the Planning, Airport, and Housing agendas. Unfinished and New Business items are the final items. The Council agreed to a 30-day trial period to determine if this order of business was in the best interest of the public and at the end of this period communicate to staff as to whether to retain this revised order.
- 2.) Tennis Center** **Estimated time 1 hour**
On May 11, 2004, the City Council authorized the issuance of Requests for Proposals for the development and management of an indoor tennis center to complement the outdoor courts that exist at the Ralph Wulz Riverside Tennis Center. The City received two responses to this proposal. A staff screening and selection committee was convened to review the proposals. The Council will hear presentations from the two proposers and staff will review the committee's evaluation. Staff is seeking direction from the Council on the next steps associated with this project.
- 3. Park Land – Ordinance 125** **Estimated time 30 minutes**
At the City Council Workshop on July 27, 2004, the Council discussed property owned by the City and property owned by the Park Board and the disposition of such property. The Park Board had reviewed Charter Ordinance 125 and made recommendations on language for a resolution that will more clearly define the Park Board's role in the disposal of land. The Council considered those recommendations and requested further information, which included a listing of properties and a map showing locations. The Council is being requested to provide direction on the resolution in concert with Charter Ordinance 125.
- 4.) Billboards** **Estimated time 30 minutes**
At its May 25, 2004 Workshop, the City Council considered the regulation of off-site billboard signs. The Council had placed a six-month moratorium on such signs at its May 4, 2004 meeting. Staff was charged with seeking citizen input on billboard management through DABs and the MAPC as it relates to general location by zoning category and specific sign code requirements. Based on citizen input, additional input received from City Council members in June and July, and feedback received from meetings with billboard sign industry representatives during August and September, staff has developed recommendations and code amendment alternatives for Council consideration.

Item 3 has
been pulled.

- 5.) **Historic Preservation** **Estimated time 45 minutes**
The Historic Preservation Office provides staff support to the Historic Preservation Board whose job it is to provide design review for the properties and structures that are listed on the local, state or national registers of historic places. The City Council has recently considered a number of historic preservation items on its Planning Agenda. Information will be provided on the role of the Historic Preservation Office and its relationship with the State Historic Preservation Office and the duties and responsibilities assigned to this board.
- 6.) **Urban Fringe Development** **Estimated time 1 hour**
City staff has worked with County staff and the Wichita Area Builders Association to develop a policy on urban fringe development standards in Sedgwick County. This policy pertains especially to those areas within the urban service areas of Wichita and other cities in Sedgwick County. The policy addresses water and sewer systems, street paving and drainage, and annexation. The policy will be presented to the Council for review and recommendations.
- 7.) **CDBG Funding** **Estimated time 1 hour**
CDBG Funds are allocated to the City of Wichita each year based upon a congressional funding formula standardized for the entire United States. The formula addresses population, poverty levels, housing conditions, and population growth. Staff will provide information on the current allocation of CDBG dollars for staffing Neighborhood Assistance, Community Education, Environmental Health and certain capital projects. The Council is being asked to discuss whether the current allocation of CDBG funds for these projects is appropriate, or if funding priorities should be revised.
- 8.) **Section 3 Policy** **Estimated time 30 Minutes**
Jurisdictions that receive HUD funding are required to make every effort to ensure that low and very low-income people receive preference in hiring and contracting. The City is required to prepare a policy and a plan to demonstrate its ability to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall to the greatest extent feasible be directed toward low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons. The Council is being asked to review the presentation and provide suggestions for revisions if necessary.

Note: Due to the anticipated length of the Workshop, lunch will be served